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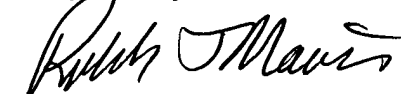
The documents submitted herewith are mentioned in the International Search Report issued and mailed with respect to the corresponding international application on March 17, 2003. It is believed that the present Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed prior to the mailing date of a first office action in this case; therefore, no filing fee is believed to be due. If the present IDS crosses in the mail with a first office action, the examiner is requested to note that the present IDS is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the aforementioned International Search Report. If a filing fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the applicants' deposit account 01-1350 for full amount of said fee.

This statement is not intended to represent that no better art exists. Applicant reserve the right to contest the applicability of the documents attached hereto as prior art in the event that any information is discovered which demonstrates that said documents do not qualify as prior art.

U.S. Patent No.: 3,041,275 was previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement dated November 13, 2001.


Consideration of the present Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested. The claimed invention is, however, deemed to represent a patentable departure from the teachings of the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,



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